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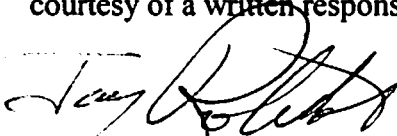
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Ravalli County Road Department
244 Fairgrounds
Hamilton, MT 59840

September 11, 2008

On August 8, 2008 I sent the attached letter to the road department expressing my concern with the intersection of Ricketts Road and Bowman Road. As of today I have not received a response. I believe the conditions I have described create a very dangerous situation and should be addressed quickly.

In my view the conditions at this intersection represent not only the physical danger of a collision but also a potentially significant civil liability to Ravalli County. I realize the personnel at the Department have many responsibilities. However I would appreciate the courtesy of a written response.



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August 7, 2008

The intersection of Ricketts Road and Bowman Road needs your urgent attention. There are two issues.

First, vehicles coming from northbound Ricketts to east bound Bowman must enter while steering to the right. They are going uphill and because Bowman Rd. slopes downward at this point visibility to Bowman Rd. is very limited. In addition, frequently, drivers are proceeding at such a high rate of speed, combined with Bowman Rd. falling away at this point, they fail to stay on the right half of the roadway. I have seen several near accidents, particularly involving eastbound bicyclists who have just past Ricketts Rd. and with traffic moving West on Bowman Rd .

The second issue effects northbound traffic on Ricketts Rd. to westbound Bowman Rd. The northbound traffic is required to yield to traffic from westbound Bowman Road. Due to the dense growth of vegetation on the eastside of the road the sight distance is limited to the point that northbound traffic from Ricketts Road can not proceed safely to westbound Bowman Road.

I believe the conditions I have described create an undue hazard to motorists and pedestrians and should be addressed immediately. I am looking forward to your thoughts on this matter.

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